

Chairman Robert S. Knox called to order a meeting of the North Scituate District Review Committee (VDRC) on March 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were Charles R. McCaughey, Mark Laprade, Norma Knox, Margaux Morriveau and Barbara S. Stetson. George Myrick was absent

Motion was made by Norma Knox and seconded by Charles R. McCaughey to accept the minutes of January 20, 2005, unanimously voted to accept.

APPLICATIONS

Dwight T. Farrar- 8/10 Danielson Pike- Plat 16 Lot 49-Install vinyl replacement windows. Mr. Farrar owner of the building stated that he wanted to replace all the windows on the first floor at this time. The bow window in the front of the house will remain. The second floor is having renovations done at this time. The windows will be six (6) over one (1).

Motion was made by Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Charles R. McCaughey to accept application stating that all windows will be replaced with vinyl six (6) over one (1) style windows except the front bow window, unanimously voted to accept.

Charles R. McCaughey-143 Danielson Pike- Plat 19 Lot 21- Add one 8 square foot sign to front of building. Member Charles R. McCaughey recused himself from participation on this application. Mr. McCaughey stated that replacing the existing sign would be too much of a cost factor. The existing 11 ¼" x 8' sign located on the building in placement "A" on the diagram will be moved to placement "B" on

the diagram and a new sign, same size 11 ¼" x 8" sign will be located on the building in placement "C" on the diagram. The new sign will be the same design and font as the existing Village Antique sign.

Motion was made by Mark Laprade and seconded by Norma Knox to approve sign design "C" and new placement of "A" as shown on diagram contingent on approval from Zoning Board for extra signage, unanimously voted to accept.

OLD BUSINESS

Margaux Morriseau stated that she will design a new pamphlet regarding information about the North Scituate Village Overlay Committee to be mailed out to property owners in the district.

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara S. Stetson stated the new R.A. Yarn sign is not in compliance with the new sign ordinance. Chair Robert S. Knox stated that previously he has spoken with the building inspector regarding this sign and how new businesses just keep painting over the previous business name. The committee members stated that this sign is a new sign and should have come before the Overlay Committee for approval.

Barbara S. Stetson also stated that Scituate Liquors has too many signs.

Barbara S. Stetson references zoning ordinance regarding signs;

General provisions: Application and plans for any sign proposed for the village overlay districts shall be first submitted to the town engineer and then forward to the village review committee for processing.

Chair Robert S. Knox references a letter that Building Inspector, David Provonsil wrote regarding the new sign ordinance which he never sent out.

Chair Robert S. Knox references Polseno Landscaping sign and the Faith Tabernacle Church sign are also not in compliance.

Margaux Morriseau asked the question who is responsible for informing business of the sign ordinance.

Mark Laprade asked if the committee can write a letter to the Town Council and the Building Inspector regarding this signage problem.

Norma Knox stated that Town Council can pull the license for a business due to the fact that the business is not in compliance with the sign ordinance.

Charles R. McCaughey recommends adding the question of how much signage a business has on the Business License Renewal Application.

Motion was made by Charles R. McCaughey and seconded by Mark Laprade to send a letter to the Town Solicitor, Town Clerk and the Town Council recommending that a question be added to the business license renewal application. The question is, How many square feet of signage do you have on your property at the present time? This question must be answered before license renewal is

granted. The reason for this question is that many businesses, not only in the village district, are not complying with the sign ordinance. The town needs to inform the businesses of the Sunset Clause Regulations, unanimously voted to accept.

Motion was made to Barbara S. Stetson and seconded by Norma Knox to send two separate letters to the Building Inspector, David Provonsil and the Town Clerk regarding signage at Scituate Liquor and R.A. Yarn, unanimously voted to accept.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Robert S. Knox read the letter from Building Inspector, David Provonsil to Charles Swartz, Project Manager, regarding the sign at Bank of America.

Chair Robert S. Knox stated he has spoken with David Provonsil five (5) or six (6) times regarding the lighting problem at Atlas Insulation. Chair Robert S. Knox added that surrounding neighbors have also called and complained and wrote letters to the town council regarding this problem and nothing has been done.

Chair Robert S. Knox recommended to the committee members that a letter be written to the Town Council stating that the business license renewal should not be renewed due to the lighting problem. The letter will reference the letter dated January 31, 2005 from the North Scituate Overlay Committee stating the committees' recommendations and how no action has been taken on this letter.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Charles R. McCaughey and seconded by
Norma Knox to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., unanimously to accept.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Blaine

Secretary